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BEEDI INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Beedi Industry is a big revenue earner of the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of foreign exchange earned by this Industry during the last three years;

(c) the steps contemplates to transform this industry into organized sector; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : The Central Excise Revenue realized from the Beedi industry and quantum of foreign exchange earned during the last 3 years is given below:

Year	Central Excise Revenue realized (Rs. In thousands)	Foreign Exchange earned (Million US$)
2003-04	3363912	7.35
2004-05	3481499	8.48
2005-06	3706888	7.51

(c) & (d) : There is no reservation for the manufacture of Beedi in small scale sector. Entrepreneurs are free to set up their enterprises in any sector i.e. micro, small, medium or large. Facilities available for development of industries in general are also available to Beedi industry.